

### Annual Torrey Bible Conference Scheduled

"For such a time as this" is the theme for the 24th annual Torrey Memorial Bible Conference, Jan. 25 through Feb. 1, held in eight Southland Church-

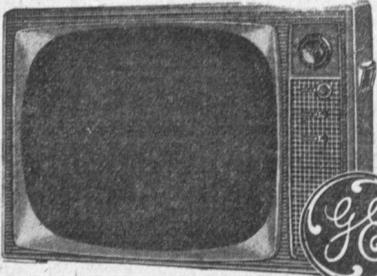
es and sponsored by the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. In the Torrance area the meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church, 2118 Carson St. Dr. Bob Cook, will speak on Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Cook has made many appearances in the Los Angeles area. He is Vice President of Scripture Press and is a former President of Youth for Christ Inter-

national, and the author of four books. Titles of his books are "Reaching Youth for Christ," "Now That I Believe" and "How to Get Along with Christians." This Sunday evening appearance will be his only appearance in our local area during the Torrey Memorial Conference and the community at large is invited to attend.

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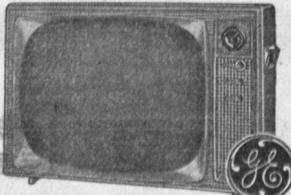


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### Air Pocket Keeps Trapped Men Alive

Painstaking rescue work saved the lives of two men buried for nearly 90 minutes under an avalanche of soft sand that cascaded down on them while digging an 18-foot sewer hole Monday afternoon.

Finally freed from the cave-in on Hawthorne Blvd., near Garnet St., Jay Ravin, 45, owner of the Lomita sewer construction firm, and Pete Dodge, 19, suffered only minor effects from their ordeal. Ravin had to be forced to lie down on a stretcher, after he embraced his partner, Wayne Watkins, 43, of 1707 W. 238th St., who had directed the tricky rescue operation.

**Constant Danger**  
Tons of the wet sand had to be removed to free the two men, with any false move constantly threatening to start another cave-in. Volunteer workers, police and firemen participated in the hour-long job to remove soil by buckets.

Ravin and Dodge were trapped standing up in an air pocket just as they had given a signal to Watkins, who was manning a cesspool-digging truck, to hoist them up with a cable.

"We need a breather," Ravin shouted as he and Dodge grabbed for the cable.

**Starts Cave-In**  
At this moment, sand began to tumble into the excavation, and the truck sank into the pit, blocking the hole from above.

Art Moore, a city plumbing inspector, who was observing the construction work, immediately summoned police and the fire department, while Watkins and other workmen started the ted-

ious and dangerous job of removing the sand.

He and other rescue workers were in constant danger of being trapped themselves as a huge crowd of spectators poured in on the area adding weight to the shifty sand.

Ravin later told rescuers that after he and Dodge had been trapped for half an hour, the air in the pocket formed by their outstretched arms, became thick and he was on the verge of passing out.

**Cool Air**  
Suddenly he felt cool air on his hands as rescuers got close. Then more sand trickled down and he was buried again.

The third time his hands were freed, rescuers managed to keep it off. As soon as the two men's faces were exposed, oxygen masks were clamped on their faces.

While Dodge, an employe of the firm for four years, suffered a sprained leg and shock, Ravin managed to walk out of the hole on his own feet and with a broad grin embraced Watkins.

Both men are residents of Woodland Hills.

### 'Hazard' Action Opposed

A hearing to declare a South Torrance hazard zone and prohibit building because of low water pressure, will be discussed by the South Torrance Civic Improvement Association Monday at 7:30 p.m.

President Harold LaMour announced that members of the group intend to oppose the building ban unless someone can prove definitely to them that a hazard exists.

He cited that several of some 500 property owners affected by the clamp-down, have complained about the proposed edict. The meeting of property owners will be held in the Howard Wood School cafeteria.

The City Council will hold a public hearing Tuesday after which it presumably could impose the building ban on grounds that water pressure in the area is so low that a fire hazard exists.

LaMour said if the ban is imposed, no building permits will be issued nor final inspection made, bringing a hardship on property owners in the area served by Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 3.

"We're anxious to see what proof they will have that a hazard exists and on what law they base their action," he said.

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### Three New Schools to Open Next Month, TEAC Informed

The Torrance school building program is moving full steam ahead, with three new elementary schools scheduled to open during the early part of February and work on several others in various stages of completion.

That was what Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip told members of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee at its meeting Monday noon at the Torrance YWCA.

Magruder, Hamilton, and Yukon Schools, all in north Torrance are scheduled to open simultaneously during the early part of February. The exact date will depend on when workmen are able to complete the three new plants.

Work now is underway on the final unit of buildings at North High and the third unit at South High School, he said. Lincoln Elementary School also is under construction now.

its plans to call for bids on additions to Edison, Steele, Madrona, Walteria, and Torrance Elementary Schools. Madison and Topers Elementary Schools now are on the drawing boards, he said, as well as additions to several other elementary schools in the district.

Bids for Adams Elementary School are expected to be let about two months.

An Italian dinner as served with the aid of Chef Arthur Sala of Sala's Restaurant by fourth grade room mothers at St. Catherine Labouré School on Jan. 17.

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